

Publisher's Affidavit of Publication

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County of Valley } .SS

I, Tricia Warren, being duly sworn and say, I am the office manager of The Star-News, a weekly newspaper published at McCall, in the County of Valley, State of Idaho; that said newspaper is in general circulation in the county of afore said and is a legal newspaper; that the PUBLIC NOTICE, a copy of which is enclosed hereto and is a part hereof, was published in said newspaper once a week for a period of one week in the regular and entire issue of every number there of during the time of publication, and was published in the newspaper proper and not in a supplement; and that publication of such notice began December 5, 2019 and ended December 5, 2019.

Tricia Warren

Subscribed and sworn before me this the 5th day of December, 2019.
STATE OF IDAHO

COUNTY OF VALLEY }
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On this 5th day of December in the year of 2019, before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared Tricia Warren, known or identified to me to be the person whose name subscribed to the within instrument, and being by me first duly sworn, declared that the statements therein are true, and acknowledged to me that she executed the same.



Tom Grote

Tom Grote
Notary Public for Idaho
Residing at McCall, Idaho
Commission Expires 1/19/2024

OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT BIG CREEK HAZARDOUS FUELS REDUCTION PROJECT 30-DAY COMMENT PERIOD UNDER 36 CFR 218

Opportunity to Comment on Big Creek Hazardous Fuels Reduction Project

The Forest Service, Payette National Forest, Krassel Ranger District, is accepting comments on an Environmental Assessment for the Big Creek Hazardous Fuels Reduction project. The proposed fuels treatments are in direct proximity to the Edwardsburg-Big Creek communities, private lands, USFS Administrative sites and along Forest Roads (FR) 50340 (Warren-Profile Gap), FS Road 50343 (Logan Creek), Government Creek FS Road 50344 and FS Road 50371 (Big Creek-Smith Creek) and associated spur roads. These treatments are designed to reduce the risk of effects to private homes, structures, other private property, and National Forest resources, from wildland fires and would increase the effectiveness of fire suppression efforts, as well as improve ingress/egress of public and emergency responders. Approximately 10,300 acres would be treated with this project in one of the following manners:

- Approximately 2,250 acres of mechanical treatments consisting of commercial and non-commercial thinning, using tractor, jammer or skyline systems, or mastication.
- Approximately 860 acres of non-commercial thinning within Riparian Conservation Areas using hand treatments and pile burning
- Approximately 7,800 acres of natural fuel prescribed fire burn blocks.

Less than 1 mile of temporary road could be constructed to facilitate equipment access and product removal and would be reclaimed after vegetation management treatments were completed.

The proposed action description and other information are available for review at the Krassel Ranger District Office and on the website: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54260>. Additional information regarding this action can be obtained from: Patrick Schon, 500 N Mission Bldg 2 McCall, Id 83638, 208.634.0623, patrick.schon@usda.gov.

How to Comment and Timeframe

The opportunity to comment ends 30 days following the date of publication of the legal notice in [the newspaper of record]. Only those who submit timely and specific written comments §218.2 regarding the proposed project or activity during a public comment period established by the responsible official are eligible to file an objection §218.24(b)(6). For issues to be raised in objections, they must be based on previously submitted specific written comments regarding the proposed project or activity and attributed to the objector. The publication date of the legal notice in the newspaper of record is the exclusive means for calculating the time to submit written comments on a proposed project or activity. The time period for the opportunity to comment on a proposed project or activity to be documented with an environmental assessment shall not be extended. It is the responsibility of all individuals and organizations to ensure that their comments are received in a timely manner.

Written comments must be submitted to via the website or sent hardcopy to: Anthony Botello, District Ranger, 500 N Mission St Bldg 2 McCall, Idaho 83638. The office business hours for those submitting hand-delivered comments are: 0800-1630 Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. Electronic comments may be submitted on the project webpage. In cases where no identifiable name is attached to a comment, a verification of identity will be required for objection eligibility. If using an electronic message, a scanned signature is one way to provide verification. For objection eligibility, each individual or representative from each entity submitting timely and specific written comments regarding the proposed project or activity must either sign the comments or verify identity upon request §218.24(b)(8).

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